

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0050]** (Twice amended) **FIG. 4** shows a first embodiment of a dome **100** according to the present invention and **FIG. 5** shows a hub element **5**. The dome **100** comprises a plurality of the hub elements **5**, arranged so that each individual hub element **5** overlaps with adjacent hub elements **5**. As can be seen in **FIG. 5**, a section of material **9** is removed from a planar disc **8** between an imaginary vertical line  $I_2$  that extends from the center of the planar disc **8** to a hub base **7** and a deficit line **6** to create an angular deficit  $\alpha$  in the hub element **5**. The edges that form the angular deficit  $\alpha$  are then brought together and fastened, so as to form the hub element **5**. The center of the planar disc **8** now forms a vertex **V**. Referring to **FIG. 4**, virtual struts **S** are indicated by dotted lines that extend between the vertexes **V**. The hub elements **5** are arranged in an approximate fashion, that is, they are spaced for the most part approximately evenly apart, but deviations from this even spacing may occur in any direction, as illustrated in the varying amount of overlap of hub elements **5A**, **5B**, **5C**, and **5D** with their respective adjacent hub elements. The hub elements **5A** and **5B**, for example, are spaced quite evenly relative to one another, with a maximum amount of overlap. The edge of the hub element **5A** almost touches the vertexes of hub element **5B** and other adjacent hub elements. The hub elements **5C** and **5D**, on the other hand, do not overlap to the same extent with some of their respective adjacent hub elements. For example, the overlap from the hub element **5C** does not come as close to the vertex of the hub element **5B**. Also evident from **FIG. 4** is the fact that the hub elements **5** are not placed in defined rows. The variances in overlap are due to differences in placement, size, and/or conical taper, as is described in greater detail below. Despite these variances, the dome **100** will have approximately the desired shape. In this first embodiment, the hub element **5** is made from a plastic-coated disc of a paper-honeycomb-sandwich-construction. Many other stiffly flexible materials are suitable for the hub elements **5**, such as, but not

limited to, sheet metal, oriented-strand board, sheet plastic, paperboard, corrugated cardboard, wood, fiberglass, carbon fiber, leather, woven fiber, including plant fiber, etc., or suitable combinations of material.

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